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The settlement appears to be a raw deal for the public and for the USA, but a windfall for Microsoft (and I am a Microsoft shareholder). Bill Gates can make billions for himself and his shareholders if he concentrates on it. He needs to take his lumps on this one and move on so he can concentrate on what is important. Microsoft contributed thousands if not millions in the last election and have probably promised much more. The Judge is not an idiot. He was the first Judge appointed by Pres. Reagan, is an anti-trust specialist and cannot be labeled a liberal. Microsoft clearly tried to eliminate competition and the Judge found that it was illegal. This settlement appears to be a "handslap", at best, if not a favor for the political support given in 2000 and that promised in the future.

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